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# Yu Ren - Chapter 01-11

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## **Synopsis**



Hello to everyone! I'm going to introduce you another book I've been reading (listening). It's one of my fav because it's female heroine is very interesting and not so common in books (at least in books I have read ).

#### **Translated synopsis:**

Where would be useful talents and tons of oxen and horses without human trafficking?

How to revive economy and upgrade employment rate without corruption?

How to support small and weak ones and defeat every ruthless character in the way without being black-belly?

Being a honorable maiden with ideals, who pursues three views[1], uprightness and successful career Bai Fuling thinks what she needs is a loyal dog who could be an object of her torment and bully and not this black-belly, whose object of enjoyment is tormenting and bullying her.

Confronting a fierce devil, who she could not provoke nor avoid she could only put to use her art of handling people and engage with him in battle of wits and guts to the end.

[1]three views (三观) is mainly referring to views of world, life and value

#### Note:

It's another time-travel book ( $(\sim )^{\sim }$ ) yeah, I'm quite hooked on them).

I have really enjoyed this book. Yu Ren is very funny and easy to read. From

synopsis it's clear that our female lead is quite an unusual character. Not silly type like Shan Shan from CAESS. Not damsel in distress type (have I ever read a book with this type of heroine? Can't remember). Not courageous kick ass type like Gu Yun from AGMC. Not a indifferent type like Ran Yan from TDFFI. But a cunning black-belly type! Finally a female bully in a book (I seriously have enough of male bullies in books. We females are also capable of bullying!)

So let's first talk about how the female lead got to ancient times. In her previous life (modern one) she was an extremely unlucky person. Many bad incidents happened to her and that led to the situation where everyone around her avoided her like plague. Even her death was something to feel sorry for – she literally choked to death while drinking water!  $\Sigma(\hat{\Gamma}_{\alpha})$  (Wow! Is it even possible?)

After she died and got to Hell, she discovered that apparently in her life before her modern one she was an extremely bad guy who buried alive tens of thousands of people! Because of that she had to suffer 27 lifetimes of misfortune (not sure if it was really 27 lifetimes but it should be near to this number since she killed so many people). Fortunately, she was lucky that day in Hell and so she was landed a second chance. To atone for her sins, she had to save ten thousand people before her eighteen birthday. Thus, she reincarnated to the body of three years old Bai Fuling.

Bai Fuling's life (the female lead) could be described as very happy and free. She could do absolutely anything she wanted without any restrictions since her parents were very doting and their tolerance (for her actions) had no limit.

In her town, where she lived, she was a well-known tyrant. Nobody dared to oppose her because she had a brother, general, who was backing her (actually they are not real blood-tied siblings. Her parents adopted him after she has saved him). She was also notorious for her hobby of buying people (this is her way of saving people (^.^)). It could be said that she was kind of small buddha, who everyone worshiped – her parents, servants, brother – general, even wild animals! And no one dared to go against her because they knew that they would end up very very miserable!

So that's our female lead Bai Fu Ling, invincible female bully......or not so invincible. At least not until she met our male lead, her nemesis of this (ancient) lifetime.

Here are candidates for male lead:

**Yang Heng** – a young officer turned prince. His first meeting with her was while she was demonstrating her tyrant reputation. At first he had bad impression on her but after some time he got used to her behaviour and even began to search her company (maybe he is into bullies?)

**Ci Guo Wei Mao** – another prince (tribal this time). He was betrayed by his people and sold to human trafficker but later was bought by Bai Fuling. This poor guy was absolutely deceived by Bai Fuling's beautiful appearance.

**Lu Ying** – the first person Bai Fuling saved (he always had a special place in her heart). He doted on Bai Fuling and would do anything for her. When Bai Fuling was small, she chose him as her husband candidate.

Hai Fushi – handsome new leader of martial artists' community. An honest and gentle young man who, unfortunately, became Bai Fuling's target of bullying at first sight. Bai Fuling tried to act like damsel in distress before him at first but after some time her "true colours" were still revealed (what do you think, was Hai Fushi shocked?).

This is how I have envisioned Bai Fuling. A very sweet and innocent looking girl who hides her true (evil) nature under her beautiful exterior



One of my most fav book is now being translated. If you want to read it, visit angelaw27´ blog! (രെംറം)

[English translation: chapter 1]

This book was picked as a new translation project over at <u>rosyfantasy</u> so please click on the link below to visit this blog. I can't wait for more chapters! Good luck with translating  $(3 \ \bullet \_ \bullet)3$ 

[English translation 2: chapter 1 and ongoing]

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## **Chapter 1 Inhuman life**



How would you spend your fleeting life if you knew since you were three years old that the year you turn eighteen, you will die?

Bai Fu Ling states, "I am going to enjoy all the riches of the world and keep all the attractive men and women close to me. To live utmost arrogantly!"

"How are such days a life of human?"

"Those are clearly a deity's life, ah..."

Bai Fu Ling sniffed the smell of fresh water and lotus and exclaimed in satisfaction.

In this hot summer, others are being baked in the sun, ripping of their skin. She is lying alone in a small boat on the lake. Above her head was many green lotus leaves that layered upon each other, blocking the blazing sun as the small boat rocked with the waves along the lake. In the distance there are girls seen gathering water chestnut and in the lake, lotuses filled with aromatic fragrance floats around.

Lying under her body is agarwood board, under her neck is a violet colored silk pillow stuffed with goose feather, and next to her was a jade incense burner

emitting wisps of smoke around her.

The spices in the furnace is specially prepared for her by the renowned physician Xin Yi. The mild smell of Magnolia is used to repel insects and is a thousand time stronger than the ordinary ones, but of course also a thousand times more expensive.

Just these few items on the boat was enough to feed an ordinary family of five for a lifetime.

Bai Fu Ling stretched lazily, while at the same time picked a flower still in bloom. Its white petals was tinted with a hint of pink and had a yellow-green center. The gorgeous flower would cause anyone to feel attracted.

Just when Bai Fu Ling is in an infinitely good mood, in her ears came a nagging voice: "Miss, you're dressed like this, what will we do if people see you?"

Not far from the boat another small boat revealed itself. On the boat sat two beautiful young women. One is wearing a pale blue short dress with tight sleeves, another is dresses in a neat gray purple dress. The one who spoke is the one in the pale blue dress. She looked while frowning at Bai Fu Ling on the boat who is wearing a soft, thin and white silk dress. Her expression is full of disagreement. What's the difference of this thin clothes with not wearing anything? If she is seen by a man, what name or reputation are left?

Bai Fu Ling rolled her eyes. She refused to answer the question to this issue. The weather is hot like hell. She only wear a little on her own territory and didn't reveal any place which shouldn't be revealed. Talking like that is like she is walking naked on the streets.

That woman saw that miss didn't listen to her good advice, she wanted to continue to persuade, but the woman in gray purple became impatient and coldly: "If someone saw just dig his eyeballs out. Yang Mei, why are you so wordy?

Bai Fu Ling turned and laughed: "Bai Shao, you haven't been a killer for many years how come you are still thing about this fighting and killing things, ah? You are so fierce, won't your husband be bullied to death? Yi.....what did you bring for me to eat?"

Yang Mei has obviously been scared by Bai Shao's bloody words. She didn't dare to say anything more. She didn't know Bai Shao for long, but she knew that Bai Shao is definitely not an ordinary woman. She witnessed how Bai Shao beat an eight feet brawny man to the ground. Really a shrew! Miss is right! Bai Shao's husband is really pitiful, ah......He is not as lucky as her husband to marry such a talented and gentle woman like her.

Bai Shao didn't say anything and lifted the food container. With only one step she landed on Bai Fu Ling's boat. The boat sank slightly, not even the sound of shaking can be heard. Such *qinggong*<sup>1</sup> is really rare.

"Osmanthus jujube soup and also iced melon sent from the city this morning."

Bai Shao opened the food container exposing the fine white porcelain bowls inside. Inside the crimson soup floated ice and small pink yellow sweet scented osmanthus. It really has a cooling effect.

From the other boat Yang Mei took out a white jade ice bucked with melon ice. The drops of water on the ice are drying. She cut it into pieces and handed it to Bai Shao.

Bai Fu Ling unceremoniously drank and then called Yang Mei and Bai Shao: "I can't eat all of the melon. You accompany me to eat it."

After serving miss to eat, Bai Shao and Yang Mei packed up the dishes. Yang Mei looked at the green leaves and suddenly sighed: "Unfortunately I'm late. If I was a few months earlier, I will be able to see the beauty of the flowers blooming."

Bai family's manor is Bei Guan City's Bai Li Mountain. This area is great. Ten years ago, when the Bai family saw it, they moved here. They raised a large number of craftsmanship, divided it into a few range according to the soil of the environment and planted it with different kinds of flowers and trees. Each season large flowers can be seen blooming as this Lotus like. There's also the Peach valley at the east, the snow plum flowers hillside at the north, the chrysanthemum ground on the west, maple trees and *etc*.

Usually taking care of this flowers and trees will need nearly hundred people. Sometimes they even need to temporarily hire people to help. Such large project and daily expenses was just because one "like" from Bai Fu Ling. No wonder her extravagant reputation is as loud.

"Yi, I remember clearly that you say you like plum flowers more."

Bai Fu Ling remembered the origin of Yang Mei's name and laughed.

• The Mei in Yang Mei's name is the same mei in plum flowers (mei hua)

Yang Mei originally has no formal name and was called the same as her rank in her family Yang Er Niang (Er means two, so she is probably the second daughter). After being sold to Bai family and becoming Bai Fu Ling's personal maid, in order to show loyalty and also to please miss, she specifically asked Bai Fu Ling to name her. Because she likes plum flowers, Bai Fu Ling named her Yang Mei and she (BFL) also not so kindly said: "Sour like this really suits you."

Yang Mei really is against this not so elegant name. Her intestines are blue from regret. But it's her that begged Bai Fu Ling to name her. She can only grit her teeth and swallow the blood back and accepted the fact.

In a blink of eye Yang Mei this name followed her for many years. She slowly got used to it and didn't change her name back.

"Right, ah, but to wait for plum flowers to bloom will need to wait for at least half year. The snow plum is for a third white, snow plum has a really good fragrance.....Really want it to be winter immediately."

Yang Mei remembered the snow plum's beauty at Bai family's manor, suddenly she felt poetic. She began to brag.

"But I think peach is more delicious than the sour plum."

Bai Fu Ling remembered the sweet, juicy peaches, her eyes shone and determined the peach flowers are lovelier than plum flowers.

"I don't like the taste of lotus seed, but lotus fruit is really delicious! The leaves can also be used to cook rice. It's more useful than those Yao Huang, Wei Zi, Mo Ju and Shi Zhang Zhu Lian!"

Bai Fu Lin casually put those varieties of peonies and chrysanthemum which are valuable in everyone's eyes as useless.

1. Qinggong: inner energy of someone who knows martial arts.

Comments:

## **Chapter 2 Rare beauty**

Yang Mei said frustrated: "If uncle Niu heard this, he'll be so heartbroken that he won't be able to eat....."

There are many of those useless 'famous flowers' from Bai Fu Ling's mouth in Bai family's manor. Uncle Niu is the head gardener of Bai family's manor. His favorite thing is to cultivate rare flower species. These famous flowers are his life.

But Bai Fu Ling never have good feeling for those famous flowers who needs to be tended. She prefers the ones which doesn't take much effort to cultivate and with real value. This is also the spirit that she carried on when looking at people.

"That's good. I can save money of a few meals," Bai Fu Ling said.

Yang Mei has been defeated by this elegant miss who hold grudges. She suddenly remembered something her husband told her. She said: "Husband said that recently  $yahang^1$  received some goods. There's a lot of new stuff. He is asking if miss will go to the yahang to take a look and at the same time check the accounting books."

After Bai family's *yahang* began to operate in business, the management is left to Yang Mei's husband Bai Shang Lu. Bai Fu Ling rarely ask after it. As long as the money she receives every month is increasing, that's proof that Bai Shang Lu is doing his job well. Then that's enough. On contrary, it's Bai Shang Lu who often chased after her in a businesslike manner to report all the matter and also to remind her to check the accounting books.

Bai Fu Ling have some interest the 'new stuffs' from Yang Mei's mouth. And beside after dinner it's suitable to go bully the men and dominate the women as a little exercise.

"I also have not been out for many days. This afternoon, let's make a trip to yahang. Didn't Bai Bing  $zi^2$  said that center of the city, there's a Huang shi furen who has a beautiful face and also a good hand for embroidery work? We can go and get her here!"

"Miss, the selling (slave) contracts in your possession is almost more than the paper money. For what do you want to get so many people?"

Yang Mei helplessly said that. Even though she and her husband freed themselves, but their slave contracts has remained in Bai Fu Ling's possession. She (BFL) said it's a souvenir. She (YM) really doesn't understand what kind of strange hobby is this.

"I'm happy!" (this is sarcastic. She means that as long as she is happy she can do anything)

Bai Fu Ling lazily lay on the boat and rolled her body over. She lowered her head and looked down at the lake. She playfully held a handful hair scratching the surface of the lake. The circle ripples quickly attracted a few bold fish. They wanted to chase 'food'.

Bai Fu Ling saw that the stupid fishes has been fooled by her hairs, she laughed heartily.

On the boat, there's a girl covered in thing clothes revealing her smooth curves. She has a delicate and graceful posture. Yang Mei even as a girl couldn't help but be in daze. She couldn't help but think about the painting of a fairy that she saw in the *yahang*. She felt that the girl in front of her is really beautiful and is livelier than that painting of the fairy. This is really a talent, a perfect living real treasure. Relying only on this beautiful appearance, don't know how many man will willingly bow under her skirt. Unfortunately, her temper is so strange. Where would there be a man who'll dare to marry such a girl, ai?!

And this year miss will get the hairpin ceremony (*turn fifteen years*), if it was another girl who has such a beautiful appearance and the same wealth, the matchmakers will be already flocked to Bai family's manor. They won't be like her. Now in the present, no one dared to come to propose marriage. Even the maids are hundred and hundreds of times better than her! The most intolerable thing is her miss's attitude! Faced with such a dilemma, she is not ashamed. She still going every few days with her maids and servants on the streets. She really doesn't know how to retrain herself.

Bai Shao sat quietly at a side watching Bai Fu Ling play with the water without manners. Such a leisure life, if put it to fifteen years ago, she wouldn't even have

dreamed about it. And all the changes is because of this girl......

Bai Shao put away the distant memories. She stood up and wanted to leave. She suddenly remembered something. She turned and specifically reminded: "When you go out this afternoon, remember to bring *Bai Shi San*<sup>3</sup> and the others with you."

"I know la. Which time when I go out isn't it guarding at the front and wrapped at the back? Really like when an emperor make a tour."

Bai Fu Ling continued with her funny fish game and answered casually. These people at her side are her maids and servants, but everyone loves to order her around. Really doesn't understand who the master is. It must be because usually she is amiable, approachable, gentle and low key!

Bai Fu Ling blew hard on the reflection on the water. On the calm water immediately arose ripples. The beautiful reflection became messily distorted.

"Recently some people may be against northern army's general. His martial arts is high and he has many subordinated by his side. There's no guaranty that others can get to him so they will start with you instead."

Bai Shao couldn't help but say it more clearly to let Bai Fu Ling has a better understanding.

Those people of the court couldn't stay still anymore and wants to touch big brother?

Bai Fu Ling sat up and took the handkerchief that Yang Mei handed over. She dried her hair and sighed somewhat depressed.

Half a day has passed. Inside Bei Guan City it's really busy. The road is full of businessmen. From the south came a clear sound of camels and penetrated in the voices. It added some short of charm to the bustle of the city.

The residents of the city heard the sound of the camels, their eyes lit up. They unconsciously looked towards the camel sound. From far away four white camels can be seen. Eight black horses surrounded a mighty ebony carriage and went in the direction of the east. On each camel sat a beautiful maid. On the eight horses sat eight brawny men in black with a wooden stick around their waist. It's Bai Shi San and the others.

Bai family's has a complex background. In the manor, aside from miss Bai Fu Ling, the ones with a surname Bai, there's Bai *laoye*<sup>4</sup> high above to a small child on the lower level.

Everyone knows martial arts. There's no shortage on high skilled ones. It's just that they usually don't show it. They are the elite guards of Bai family.

Bai family's *laoye* and *furen*<sup>5</sup> fear all day long that something will happen to their daughter. So the moment Bai Fu Ling leave the range of the manor, behind her will be a bunch of maids and guards. Bai family's troop take around ten plus people. All of them have a beautiful body. Just pick one out, she'll be beautiful. If the clothes are changed and if you say that they are ladies from good families or from the  $jianghu^7$ , nobody will doubt it.

Next to the entourage, followed a white horse. One the white horse is a handsome youth. He is Yang Mei's husband Bai Shan Lu and also Bai family's head steward.

Such an entourage, needless to say everyone in the city knows that this is no other than Bai family's miss Bai Fu Ling!

The ebony carriage of Bai Fu Ling is also very famous. It's made under her personal guidance by a dozens of craftsmen. They spent a full six month on it. On the outside it looked plain, but it's said that on the inside the luxury level is comparable to the carriage of the empress. But those are only rumors. The one person who have the opportunity to use the carriage is only miss Bai.

#### Comments:

- 1. Yahang: ancient chinese place where you can buy or sell things
- 2. Zi: endearment for boys
- 3. Bai Fu Ling named her guards after numbers. Bai Shi San is guard number 13.
- 4. Laoye: master, husband, man
- 5. Furen: wife, mistress
- 6. Jianghu: world of the martial artist

## **Chapter 3 Buying with forcce**

#### **Synopsis**

Aside from being comfortable, Bai Fu Ling's carriage is not like what outsiders might think. It's not luxurious and layered with gold. The most special thing about the carriage is that there are many small hidden mechanism. The carriage also has a unique design. It will let people work freely and rest comfortably inside. For example in the front of the carriage, beneath the driver's seat, there's a diagonal ice tank which has a vent. While the carriage moved, wind poured from those small openings to the inside of the carriage, letting the chill from the ice come inside. The people sitting inside won't feel the heat of outside. Even the coachman will feel cool.

Bai Fu Ling is now sitting half lying inside the carriage. She is counting the thick pile of slave contracts while murmuring: "With these, it's a total of eight thousand six hundred ninety-nine. With the one from today, it's a total of eight thousand seven hundred. There's still short of one thousand three hundred......there's still three years.....it should be more than sufficient."

The carriage quickly reached their destination on the east alley. Bai Shang Lu and Bai Shi San jumped from their horses. Four guards stepped forward to help the maids down the white camels. The other three went with Bai Shi San and knocked hard on the broken wooden cottage.

Nearby the carriage, they are surrounded by a bunch of people watching with twinkling eyes. One said while speculating: "Ai? Isn't this scholar Li's home? Can it be that miss Bai has set her eyes on his wife Huang shi?"

The four maids beside the carriage began to work. One of them took out wooden funny looking chair from the saddle bag on the camel. Another came with a silk umbrella. Another pulled out a small wooden ladder under the door the carriage. The last one pulled the curtain, stretched out her hand and helped Bai Fu Ling come down from the carriage.

All eyes involuntarily concentrated on door. Some couldn't help but make sounds of swallowing. All of Bei Guan City knows that miss Bai is a rare stunning

#### beauty!

A small white hand stuck out from the door. Then a green silk sleeve came into view. Under sun that hand seemed translucent like white jade. There isn't any traces of fine line or pores. It seemed boneless while it was put on the maid's hand. Exquisitely carved, indescribably beautiful.

The not even fifteen year old Bai Fu Ling still looked somewhat like a child. Between the eyebrows there's a bright red birthmark. She seemed the daughter of the Jade Emperor of the legends. So beautiful that she doesn't seem like an earthly human.

For a moment Bai Fu Ling couldn't get used to the sunlight. Her narrowed eyes slowly opened. The people felt that that clean and dark pair of eyes is looking at him.

The maid who helped her, Bai Guo neatly sat her (BFL) on the already prepared seat. Then she began to fan her (BFL).

The maids have been well trained and they have the looks and the aura. They are not less compared to the ladies from the capital. They are even a little more graceful than them. Around them are so many people but they are still very calm and composed as if next to them are only dogs and chickens. But ladies won't be like them and show their faces in public.

Bai Fu Ling doesn't mind in the slightest bit about being surrounded by onlookers under such circumstances. She is such a rare beauty, why need to be afraid to let people see? Standing out is to beautify the environment plus she has never done a good deed without leaving her name. Today she is doing such good thing, the more people the better!

She is now only concerned about one thing. She doesn't know if that competent and capable Huang *shi* from Bai Ping's mouth is really that good. Otherwise, she came out in this scorching sun to 'pick up people', it would really be a loss. With her fame, everyone knows that she, Bai Fu Ling only snatch handsome men and beautiful women.

At that side, Bai Shi San knocked on the door for quite a while. The door finally opened before a crunching sound from almost collapsing. A skinny scholar dresses in green yellow clothes opened the door. Seeing so many people outside,

he was immediately startled. Not waiting for him to speak, he has been grabbed by Bai Shi San at his collar and dragged to the front of the carriage.

The scholar looked up just to see not far away under an umbrella the fairy like Bai Fu Ling. His eyes lightened and he stared in daze.

Bai Shang Lu took two steps and blocked his line of sight. He looked at the scholar from the top to the bottom. His eyes showed some contempt. He took out a paper and asked: "You are Li Duan Fang? Huang *shi* is your wife?"

Scholar Li looked somewhat jealous at the bright light, the handsome face of a young man in front of him. He cursed in his heart: He is but a slave, putting such an air, bah!

But his mouth didn't dare to neglect and softly said: "Yes, yes...."

Bai Shang Lu nodded: "My master wants to buy your wife Huang *shi* as a servant. The price is ten  $liang^1$ . This is the slave contract, you can sign it."

Scholar Li was somewhat taken aback and said stuttering: "This, this little scholar, didn't, didn't say that I want to sell my wife, ah."

Before Bai Shang Lu said something, Bai Shi San already approached and gave the scholar a punch in his stomach. Scholar Li was beaten on spot, he held his stomach and curled on the ground and screamed in pain.

"My master wants to buy, even if you don't want to sell, you still have to sell!

Or is it that you don't want to drink wine of a toast but want to drink wine of a punishment?"

Bai Shi San played with his big hand with an extraordinary enthusiasm. No wonder Bai Fu Ling likes to bring him every time she go snatch people. Really partners in vile habits ah!

With Bai Shi San's vicious strength plus next to him there are seven same dressed 'thugs', only a fool will come out and try to be courageous. Beside those people from other towns don't believe that the beautiful like a fairy miss Bai will condone her underlings to do evil.

The subsequent development is completely contrary to their expectations. Bai Fu Ling didn't even blink her eyes, not to mention restraining her underlings, two of her maids escorted by two guards broke into that broken cottage of scholar Li.

In a blink of eye, they brought out a timid beautiful young wife.
Comments:
1. Ancient Chinese currency

### Chapter 4 Ben xiaojie is the law

Although the young wife looked like she just passed twenty, but she looked haggard. With just one look, you'll know that she lived a hard life. Many people recognized that she is scholar's Li's wife Huang shi.

That young wife was brought befor e Bai Fu Ling. Bai Fu Ling glanced once carefully at her. Although her clothes are shabby with many patches, but they are clean and neat. One pair of silky pale hands which doesn't belong to a young woman is now on her abdomen.

Right, ah! Bai Ping zi said Huang shi is pregnant. For the child's sake, she took the initiative to seek help from them. Then, it can be considered that she saved one more person. It's eight thousand seven hundred and one.

The more Bai Fu Ling looked at Huang shi, the more satisfied she is. She turned, looked at Bai Shang Lu and asked with determination: "Is she the one Bai Ping zi is referring?"

Bai Shang Lu nodded.

Bai Fu Ling glanced impatiently at scholar Li on the ground who is crying in pain endlessly. She frowned and said: "Then finish it faster. Later we still need to go to the *yahang*. En, and also remember to let him sigh the divorce papers."

"Yes!"

Bai Shang Lu promised and gave the slave contract to a guard beside him named Bai Shi Er (12). At the side Bai Shi Yi (11) already took out a brush and ink stamp pad from the saddle bag. Then he also pulled out the divorce papers.

Because Bai Fu Ling's hobby is buying people, this type of contracts has been always carried by Bai family's servants for in cases of need. Depending on the other party, they will fill the corresponding name, price and other things. The signature of the other party will be the confirmation.

Scholar Li was rolling on the ground when he was suddenly pulled up at his collar. A brush was stuffed into his hand. Bai Shi San shouted at his ear: "Sign quickly! If you let  $daye^1$  be late see how I'll beat you to death!"

Scholar Li shuddered a bit, gritted his teeth and said stubbornly: "I won't sign it!"

Pa! A slap in his face, making scholar feel dizzy and his ears ringing.

"Sign or don't sign?!"

Bai Shi San held his hand grinningly up and said that ferociously.

"I'll sign.....I'll sign....."

Scholar Li looked left and right. Everyone is only looking with folded arms. He is afraid that if he doesn't agree, he'll really be beaten to death by them.

Trembling, he put his name on the slave contract and divorce papers. He also obediently put his fingerprint on them.

Before him is now a silver ingot. He raised his head and saw his wife being led away by Bai Fu Ling's two beautiful maids. Seeing that Bai Fu Ling was about to go back in the carriage, don't know where scholar Li got the strength, he climbed two steps forward and shouted: "In broad daylight, you are robbing a man's wife, can it be that in your eyes there's no law?"

Just then from the side of the road came two soldiers wearing the northern army's uniform. Several angry out of towner's let out a relieved sigh. In Qi country who doesn't know the fame of the northern army? They are disciplined, brave and fierce. Since they were stationed at Bei Guan City, the barbarians didn't dare to come and cause a nuisance anymore. In the eyes of the citizens of Qi country, they are the embodiment of justice!

The two northern army's soldiers heard the noise at this side and walked over. They looked around and immediately understood the situation. But they didn't act according the law; stopping Bai Fu Ling from forcing a man to sell his wife, instead they kicked scholar Li and shouted: "Yell, yell, what are you yelling about?!"

When the out of towners saw this scene they found it unimaginable. This is the northern army! They are the heroes of Qi country, the disciplined northern army. How can they do such an evil thing?

After Bai Fu Ling heard scholar Li's question, she wanted to laugh. It's really

dramatic. In these troubled time, there's still actually someone who will come out and ask her about the law! If there's law here, how can she continue her deeds?!

The most important thing is when this shitty scholar Li abused he wife, why doesn't he talk about the law then?

She turned around and walked to scholar Li. She smiled sweetly: "Don't you know that in this Bei Guan City, ben xiaojie<sup>2</sup> is the law?!"

She didn't expect that she can one day say such 'visionary' words. The feeling is really not ordinary! In particular when this is the real truth!

To thank scholar Li for giving her the opportunity to say those words, she decided that today she will reluctantly beat him one round less.

On the scene, aside from a limited number of out of towners, everyone thought that this is a matter of course. This also included scholar Li who is being beaten on the ground. He seemed to have finally understood the situation. He picked up the silver ingot and stayed on the ground. He doesn't dare to utter even a half word more.

The two northern army's soldier stepped forward. Their expression was like the spring. They smiled and graciously bowed at Bai Fu Ling: "No need to let miss came forward for such people. If you say one word to us brothers, won't the person be directly send to the manor?"

Bai Fu Ling smiled and nodded: "Next time. Next time, I'll definitely ask you soldiers for help!"

But in her heart she is saying: Such impressive thing as robbing people on the streets, if I let you do it, what more fun can I have?

The two northern army soldiers chatted a little with Bai Shang Lu and Bai Shi San. After they decided where and when to have a dinner party, did they leave. From start to finish, they didn't spare scholar Li any more glances.

Bai Fu Ling let Bai Shang Lu gave the divorce paper to Huang shi and have her kept them save. Then she walked to the carriage to journey to the next destination.

The leaving crowd pointed fingers at scholar Li on the ground and began gossiping.

A merchant said: "Did you see? Did you see? The four maids at miss Bai's side, gee, so full of life......They should be approaching a marriageable age. I got to go back and calculate my assets and then go propose marriage......"

Several out of towners are shocked. Miss Bai is an evil woman robbing a wife on the streets and they are actually only caring about if her maids are beautiful or not. And also have the mind to marry her maids......And maids, if he wants them, he can just lift them away, why the need to go ask for marriage? What kind of people are this Bai family?

Merchant Yi said: "Pei Pei, with your looks, you dare to dream about miss Bai's maids? You're more likely to marry a rough water!"

Merchant Bing said: "Compared with miss Bai, her maids can at most be considered pretty....."

The crowd jeered and said: "Are you insane, you dare to set your eyes on miss Bai?! Marrying such aggressive and arrogant woman, do you still have a place to stand? If you doesn't serve well, kneeling on top of the abacus can be considered light. Even if you're killed, you died in vain!"

Merchant Bing's eyes immediately showed a look of unconvinced.

A woman passing by said: "Ai, Huang shi's life is really good to have miss Bai take a fancy on her. Why doesn't miss Bai take a fancy on me? If she wants to buy me, even if I have to pay ten *liangs*, I'll still be willing."

Another passerby said: "Take a look in the mirror. With your appearance you want the same grace? A barrel like figure, someone so stupid that she can't even lift two needles. Unless miss Bai has gone blind, then she will set her eyes on you! Even if you want to pay, she will still not want you!"

The woman got angry and picked up a stick to beat the passerby......

The street immediately turned into a mess.

#### Comments:

# Chapter 5 The female overlord at the border of the city

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Being robbed is called 'good life' and can't wait to be sold into slavery? What kind of morals are these?!

Even the northern army was mixed with evil as though there were black sheep among people. Times really have changed.

In the carriage, Bai Fu Ling looked carefully at Huang shi's slave contract. She said with satisfaction: "Eight thousand seven hundred and one!"

Near the alley, at a floor in a restaurant, a Yang Hang dressed like a wealthy young master saw what had just happened. He frowned, looked at the ebony carriage that was departing and sneered: "Bai family's miss? Really imposing!"

Scholar Li Duan Fang's wife Huang shi's maiden name was Huang Qing and she was the only child of a poor teacher at Gui Hua town. Because her mother was seriously ill and because of poverty, her father married her secretly to scholar Li of the neighboring village in exchange for a dowry to cure his wife. But it turned out that Huang shi's mother wasn't able to get well. During her daughter's second year of marriage, she passed away. Old Huang was heartbroken and he no longer had anyone taking care of him. After half a year, he also died from illness.

At the beginning, this scholar Li was fairly normal. Later on, he was badly influenced by his fellow villagers and became addicted to gambling. Two years ago, he'd lost all his possessions to gambling and then fled with Huang shi to Bei Guan City to hide from the debt collectors. After he'd arrived here, he didn't change. He took Huang shi's hard earned money from doing embroidery and gambled it away. He also began to beat and scold Huang shi.

Originally, Huang *shi* felt that marrying a chicken, she should follow the chicken and accept her fate, but a few days ago, she suddenly found out that she was pregnant. Normally, this was a happy event, but Huang *shi* inadvertently learned

that scholar Li had made a secret agreement with the people of the gambling den. If it's a son, they will sell it to pay off his gambling debts. Huang shi felt like she had been struck by thunder and was determined to protect her unborn child. She's a weak woman who naturally can't do much. Under some tradeoffs, the head of the embroidery house found Bai family's steward Bai Ping zi. That's why the scene 'robbing one's wife' had occurred.

After Yang Hang heard the information he had ordered his subordinate to find out, he slowly started to roll the jade ring on his left hand. He said to the adviser Lie Dang by his side: "It seems that this miss Bai has a heart of the Buddha. What is the thing between her and the northern army?"

Another spy came forward and said: "According to the rumors from the marketplace, the general of the northern army Lu Ying and her have a relationship of brother and sister. Their relationship is very intimate. These past two years, the court failed to grant the northern army with pay and food. These were provided by miss Bai. She even took care of the disabled soldiers and widows and orphans of the soldiers. Her prestige in the northern army is no less than Lu Ying's. It's said that the northern army obey her every command. Lu Ying is also no exception."

When Yang Hang heard that Bai Fu Ling had provided the pay, the hand playing with the jade ring paused slightly. Coldness and irritation flashed through his eyes.

"Aside from this miss Bai, who else does the Bai family has? Does Bai family have other supporters or are close with any other people?"

The spy said: "Bai family moved to Bei Guan City ten years ago. No one knows where they had come from. Bai family has Bai *laoye* Bai Chou and *furen* Mu shi. The two only have Bai Fu Ling as an only child. It's said that this couple really dotes on this daughter and miss Bai has the final say in everything that happens in Bai family."

Talking till here, the spy paused and then continued: "Bai family runs the largest *yahang* of the entire northwest area. Every year, the dealings with the neighboring countries and the barbarians are countless. They're wealthy as a country but only the people at the border know their reputation. Every servant

or stewards have a slave contract in miss Bai's hands. How big the *yahang* is, no outsider knows. But I also didn't hear that Bai family is closely related to any party."

Time is limited. Before Yang Hang came, he only collected the northern army's general Lu Ying's information. He did not pay attention to any other matter. Now ordering his spies to go find out about miss Bai and they are able to get this much information, is already not easy.

Bei Guan City was located far away from the capital. How the situation is here, the capital wouldn't know. They only knew that after Lu Ying became the general of the northern army, they had plunged the barbarian's army over and over again. The northern territory was safe and without incident for two years. Those high officials and royals were beginning to think about things like 'shaking the one at power', 'military has much power'. After the emperor thought it through, he had decided to send someone in private to check the northern army, to see if Lu Ying had given birth to a heart of treason and to also make early preventions.

After the collision of different powers, the result was to let the unfavored sixth prince Yang Hang become the secret emissary of this mission. Yang Hang also knew that this trip wasn't in demand and that it was very dangerous and yet he couldn't not come.

Right now, eldest imperial big brother and second imperial big brother were fighting to the bitter end. If he revealed his power too early, he was afraid that he would immediately become the two's target. Maybe to draw him to their side or to murder him. The latter was certainly not good. The former was nothing but forced to make a wedding dress for the other with the power he got with difficulty. So he chose to keep a low profile and pretend to be forced to accept this task. To Yang Hang, crisis may become a turning point. Now in the capital, the two sides are battling nonstop. Temporarily being away was also a good thing. He's not interested in siding with one of them. These past few years, imperial father was healthy and vigorous. If there's no accident, he would sit on the throne for at least three or five years. Showing that you're eyeing the throne now, there wouldn't be a good end.

Unfortunately, eldest imperial big brother and second imperial big brother didn't seem to understand this point. Or it could be that they were confident in

their forces and thought that the place of the crown prince was only between them. Therefore, they were only thinking on how to defeat each other.

Yang Hang was now only interested in how to complete this task and also to let imperial father have a satisfactory result. This was a very important point. That's why, on the way here, he had thought about what kind of result imperial father would like to see the most.

He thought of several possibilities, but the important thing now was to find out Lu Ying's attitude. It's just that he didn't expect that he hadn't come in contact with Lu Ying yet, but would instead see the beautiful but arrogant and domineering woman at Bei Guan City. Her relationship with Lu Ying was not simple. Her background itself was very intriguing......

He waved his hand to let his subordinates withdraw. When there's only him and Lie Dang left, Yang Hang asked: "It seems that this Bai family is the tyrant of Bei Guan City......"

"Such heart should be punished!"

Lie Dang slowly spit out those five words full of hidden blood.

### Chapter 6 Raised to work like an ox and a horse

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Yang Hang nodded to let Lie Dang continue. Lie Dang said: "This sort of behavior from Bai family is simply like they see Bei Guan City as their own. Miss Bai's actions are beyond belief. At such a young age, she dared to speak conceited nonsense in public. And those soldiers of the northern army weren't surprised by her outrageous words. It can be seen that she usually also acts like this. And the northern army along with the citizens of the Bei Guan City only know that there's Bai family and forgot that there's still an emperor."

Lie Dang kept saying that Bai family is this and that. Apparently, he didn't believe what the spies had said earlier – that miss Bai had the last word on the matters of Bai family. But it's no wonder, who would believe that the tyrant of Bei Guan City was actually an arrogant girl who hadn't received the hairpin yet.

"But," Lie Dang pondered for a while before continuing, "If we can convert Bai family for our own use....."

He raised his eyes to look at Yang Han who was sitting in front of him. From the information of the spies, it seemed miss Bai Fu Ling was a key player who could influence Lu Ying and Bai couple. As long as they had this girl in their control, many problems could be solved.

His master was famous in the capital for being a loose man. Although on the surface, he had no job or power and only had noble royal blood, but he was the dream lover of many ladies in the capital.

That miss Bai's origin and status was but an ordinary merchant's daughter. Although she acted arrogant and vicious, but from what they heard, her relationship with Lu Ying was close and her family was really wealthy. Her looks were also something rare in this world. Making her become master's *qie* was something possible. An ordinary merchant's daughter could become the *qie* of a prince, for her parents and household, it's a glory that they couldn't even beg for.

Marriage has always been a way to combine power. If marrying a girl could

affect the attitude of the general of the northern army Lu Ying, then this could be considered as 'the thing is worth its value'.

Yang Hang understood his meaning and smiled: "I didn't know that you also liked to joke. Do you also think that someone with such an identity like Lu Ying would be ordered around by a little girl?"

His impression of Bai Fu Ling wasn't very good. She may be beautiful but she was too arrogant. She doesn't know how to keep face and doesn't know the virtues of a woman. He didn't know how Bai family taught their daughter. Although his character was that of a loose man, but it's not like the moment he saw a beauty, he'd want to make her his own.

Yang Hang shook his head. In his mind flashed that arrogant and proud expression of Bai Fu Ling. It's the first time he saw such beautiful woman who also liked to show off. Have to admit, compared to the ladies in the capital, she seemed more fresh. The process of taming such a woman must be interesting.

Thinking like that, Yang Hang's lips slowly turned up in a small arc.

Bai Fu Ling and her entourage arrived at 'Tong Cai *yahang*'. The people of the yahang had received a message in advance that miss would come take a look. The shopkeeper as well as the laborers lined up at the front for a grand welcome.

The so-called *yahang*, in ancient times, is where buyers and sellers make transactions, where they assess the quality of a product and also act an intermediary for the prices. It's somewhat similar to the intermediary companies of modern times, but the business was more flexible. Satin, jewelry, antiques, furs, food or animals could be sold using a *yahang* as an intermediary. The letter 'ya' means interaction, however, Bai Fu Ling, Bai family's eldest miss, had a more direct and terrible explanation: The so called *yahang* was a place where you will be ruthlessly bitten when you come in!

The ya of yahang literary means teeth.

This exclusive explanation of Bai shi's is like a rule in this yahang.....

Tong Cai *yahang* was located at the busiest street of Bei Guan City, the north-south street. Not to mention how impressive *yahang's* front was, just in front of

the entrance, a ten square feet small-scale stone-paved plaza showed its position in Bei Guan City. Compared to the government office of Bei Guan City, this *yahang* was only a tiny bit smaller. In front of the *yahang*, on the small-scale plaza, there was a three feet high flagpole with the name Tong Cai *yahang* on it. Lining in front is a pair of glittering giant lions with mighty claws. Compared to the government office, the front even surpassed it. Indeed, this was the biggest *yahang* of the frontier.

Originally, Bei Guan City was just only a small city at the frontier. There were no formal local officials. There were only the generals of the military who protected the people's livelihood. On horse, they were a soldier, off the horse they were an official. It's just that only in recent years, it had developed into a bustling place for business people. Tong Cai *yahang* could be so arrogant, it's suffice to say that the relationship with the northern army's general Lu Ying is like iron.

Because of Bai Fu Ling's arrival, *yahang* had officially posted a notice. Today at *weishi* (1-3pm), they would not receive any guests. Even the carriages of the merchants on the small-scale plaza were driven away. The small-scale plaza was now full of people of Tong Cai *yahang*.

When these people saw that the carriage of miss had arrived, they all bowed. Really a lively scene. If someone didn't know the truth, they would think that the imperial family had arrived.

The businessmen who'd originally come to *yahang* today, didn't mind the little delay. Instead, all of them went to a nearby restaurant to stick their heads out and look around. All of them wanted to see how this 'prestigious' Bei Guan City's Bai family's miss looked like.

Bai Shang Lu personally escorted Bai Fu Ling into the *yahang*. After some visiting around the counter hall, they went into the accounting room at the backyard to rest. He commanded someone to go get the key of the warehouse. After Bai Fu Ling checked the accounting books, he wanted to go with her to the warehouse to let her pick out some fresh stuff to bring home to play with.

Bai Fu Ling stared at the pile of accounting books in front of her and looked at the businesslike Bai Shang Lu next to her who was planning to explain the accounting books to her. She looked around and said: "The moment I see these, I get a headache. Ding Xiang, Ma Lian, you two check!"

The two maids standing behind her looked at each other silently.

Bai Shang Lu said with a fierce look: "Miss!"

"I raised you all till you are all so big so you can get the burden off me and to work like an ox and a horse. It's not to let you chase me to work!"

Bai Fu Ling said that righteously. She didn't bother about the fact that if she'd just picked one of the people she had 'raised', they would all be older than her.

The other stewards were accustomed to their miss's manners. All of them pulled a long face and maintained the same expression—-no expression.

If they dared to laugh, the moment they turn around, they would be scolded by the head shopkeeper. It's said to not be afraid of the magistrate but must be afraid of the shopkeeper in charge. They all were making a living under head shopkeeper Bai. Naturally, they couldn't tear down their superior's stand.

But if they helped head shopkeeper Bai 'persuade' miss, their fate would only get worse. Miss's ways of tormenting people were always new and never the same.

At such a time, the best way to keep their lives was not to help either party. Close their mouth and pretend like they were furniture.

"I remember that miss once said in the past that with insufficient ability, wealth won't come."

Bai Shang Lu didn't move an inch.

"I also said using people don't suspect, suspecting people don't use," Bai Fu Ling said slovenly.

 Using people don't suspect, suspecting people don't use: she means that when you use people don't suspect them and don't use people you suspect. She means that she doesn't need to check the accounting books cause she trust Bai Li Shang

# Chapter 7 We need to be low key

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Bai Shang Lu fell silent, but that did not mean he was convinced. He was just too lazy to use his tongue anymore and c onverted to a silent protest.

"That, I said before that the first half of this year, you need to widen the business of *yahang* to the sea and form a relationship with the sea merchants, did you do it?"

Bai Fu Ling suddenly talked about business so Bai Shang Lu didn't dare to neglect and sternly replied: "Fortunately, it went well. I left the steward in charge of traveling with horses at the south-east, Su Mu is responsible for this matter. All is going well. The five largest sea merchants have come to an agreement with us. Su Mu is also discussing with some small sea merchants to build a force fleet to form a relation with Zhu Dao Country at the South East Sea and also to open up some new routes. Early next year, the first shipment should be able to set off."

"En, en, aside from the new routes of the sea and the expanding business of the sea, this year's earnings of *yahang* need to be doubled again, can you do it?"

Bai Fu Ling nodded and asked.

"By the middle of October, this goal can be reached."

Bai Shang Lu answered with a straight face. The other stewards in the room raised their heads and stood upright, showing off how proud they were.

Since the day *yahang* was established, the annual growth of the earnings was incredible high. But this year, the famine continued to grow. Over the years, the situation had gotten worse. To gain a double in a year that's worse than normal, it's easier said than done!

But they did it. Not only did they do it, but they had also achieved it ahead of the deadline! The people of *yahang* were worthy to be proud of.

"Right, ah. Everything I asked you to do, you did it. What more do is there to not feel at ease about? Well then, I only need to wait to receive money."

Bai Fu Ling once again put out the face full of mischievous smiles.

Bai Shang Lu was dumbstruck and didn't know what to say anymore.

Bai Fu Ling raised her head, her eyes swept over the many senior stewards and said smilingly: "Everyone has worked hard. What *yahang* has achieved more than the goal will be everyone's bonus. The remaining half year, asking everyone to work hard. Make more money and have a good year!"

After everyone heard that they were happy, didn't know who it was that began to cheer, but the accounting room suddenly burst with a thunderous applause. Only Bai Shang Lu had a face as if someone owned him one million *liang* and didn't want to pay him back.

Bai Fu Ling waited until they had calmed down and smiled: "I have something to discuss with your head shopkeeper. You all go back and do what you have to do."

After everyone went away and the scene was completely clear, Bai Shang Lu didn't hold back anymore. He stood up and said: "Miss, you.....you, how can you....."

Bai Fu Ling smiled innocently: "Don't get excited, don't get excited. Keep cool! Do you want to say that I'm a wastrel?"

"This is what miss yourself said."

Bai Shang Lu put out a coffin face. With his eyes, he accused Bai Fu Ling—–so you have self-knowledge!

"Money is something you can't earn it all. Yahang's earnings doubled this year. It's enough for me and Bai shi to consume till next year. Talent and people's heart is the most valuable thing in the world. Spending the extra income to buy people's heart and recruit their talents is what will make a business stand in the long term. It's more advantageous than throwing money to build a fleet and to open new routes. Don't be so narrow-minded! The share you get is the biggest, oh! You putting such a face, if someone didn't know any better, he would think that I'm mean to you and let you work without payment."

There were no others here now. The handsome man with a black expression in front of her was one of her most trusted people.

Bai Fu Ling recklessly climbed onto the table.

"We'll do it as you say!"

Bai Shang Lu was somewhat moved, although his mouth continued to not show it.

"I know you want to leave some money to build the sea routes as soon as possible, to let Bai family's business in the capital and the mainland expand faster, but have you thought that developing too fast may not necessarily be a good thing? Our business flourishes in a towering tree, but there are not enough roots so the wind will destroy it! At Bei Guan City, the sky is high and the emperor is far away. *Dage* cares about our brotherly relationship and lets me mess around, but what about other places? If we develop too fast and too obvious, attracting the court's attention, our good days will be gone."

Bai Fu Ling explained seriously to Bai Shang Lu.

"I also want to expand the business to the bustling places of the capital, but those high royal officials are all blood sucking leeches. I'm afraid that our business haven't even settled yet, but we are already drained by them. Although there are some of our people in the capital, but they are only middle or low officials who only have a few years of foundation compared to the high officials and the imperial family. If something really happens, the places where they can help us are limited. We should, step by step, stabilize our business at the sea. After a few years, tens of years, when our people are at power in the court, our hands will have enough talent and strengths. By that time, what can we not do?"

Bai Fu Ling painted the bright prospect with a smile.

"I've understood."

Bai Shang Lu took a deep breath. What miss said made sense. Perhaps it's because these past few years went too well, so it made him less more anxious.

"It's good that you've understood. The accounting books, I'll let Ding Xiang and Ma Lian check them for me. They are also old enough. Should let them do more work. You accompany me to the warehouse!"

Bai Fu Ling stood up, straightened out her dress, and tugged at Bai Shang Lu's sleeves while she said that.

Bai Shang Lu shook his head helplessly: "Right, ah. It's time to take the burden away from you and work like an ox and a horse."

"En, en, let them learn more from you. The best ox and horse under me is you!"

Bai Fu Ling said with a brightened face.

Like that, Bai Fu Ling left two pitiful lives at the accounting room to work like an ox and a horse. She and the rest of her entourage followed Bai Shang Lu to the big warehouse of *yahang*.

Bai Shang Lu took care of *yahang* for so many years. His eyes were not usual. The things that went into his eyes, just pick one and it'll be a treasure.

Bai Fu Ling was even more critical than him. They stayed till *shenshi* (5pm), before they left satisfied.

In the middle, Bai Shang Lu was called away to go 'receive the guests'. After hearing his subordinate come to report that miss was preparing to leave, he excused himself in front of the merchant and went to send her away.

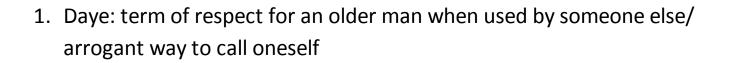
He'd just arrived at the front room of the *yahang*, when he heard a male voice with a distinct accent say loudly: "All the people here say that Bai family's miss have good eyes and her mouth can chop off people. You look at how much *daye* is worth. If the price is reasonable, *daye* will stay and serve miss really well! Haha ha!"

This person specifically said 'serve very well' loudly. It was clear that there was another meaning to the words. They were obviously taking liberties with a woman.

However, aside from the few people who had come with him and were laughing together with him, the other people were looking at the man who had spoken as if they were looking at someone crazy.

They had clearly come to search for trouble. Bai Shang Lu put on a sullen face and walked fast into the room. He saw Bai Fu Ling with her guards and maids standing in the center of the room. Seven or eight brawny men, full of beards and with naked upper bodies, blocked Yahang's entrance.

#### Comments:



### **Chapter 8 One price**

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On the necks of the brawny men who were blocking the way hung thick golden necklaces with gems. Leather skirts tied at their waists. Even standing in front of the group of fancy dressed merchants, they were still very eye-catching. With such a dress code, they were obviously the Nu barbarian merchants of the northwest. Only recently have they begun to do business at Bai Guan City. The main thing they were selling was leather. Their custom was to wear all of their worth on their bodies. As long as they had some money, they would go out to buy silver and gold jewelry and hang it on their body. Such a way of dressing really attracted thieves. Fortunately, most of them had bigger bodies than normal people and they liked to travel in groups. That's why thieves didn't dare to have any ideas about them.

Then again, in Bei Guan City, only these 'new people' would not be afraid and dare to run on the 'mouth of the gun' of miss Bai.

Although the sun had already set, there were still a lot people moving in and out of *yahang*. They were blocking the entrance. The people inside *yahang* couldn't get out, the people outside *yahang* couldn't get inside. Very seldom will someone dare to cause trouble at the number one snake nest of Bei Guan City. Everyone was opening his or her eyes wide and with a heart to watch a play to see how this person who was searching for death will end.

Bai Shang Lu stepped forward to drive these barbarians away, but then he saw the head maid Bai Guo next to Bai Fu Ling blink at him. It was clearly indicating for him not to come forward right now. Bai Shang Lu knew that miss Bai's vicious nature must have flared up and that she wanted to play tricks on people. Anyway, here was Bai family's territory. Besides miss, there were many guards. If something really happened, the one who will suffer would not be her, so he will stand at one side with a peaceful mind.

Bai Fu Ling's eyes swept once over that barbarian and said: "To know what

you're worth, we will need to see where you are sold. If you're sold to my Bai family, you are worth one hundred twenty silver *liangs*."

Nowadays, a family of five needs two silver *liangs* for food and clothing. Because there was a disaster again this year, there were refugees everywhere. That's why in Qi Country, you could buy a healthy young man as a slave for ten silver *liangs*. Bai Fu Ling offering a hundred twenty silver *liangs* would really make people's heart be moved.

The barbarian didn't think that Bai Fu Lin would give him such a high 'evaluation'. At the Nu barbarian's, hundred twenty silver *liangs* could buy at least thirty young slaves. Of course, this barbarian was not selling his body for money, but because of Bai Fu Ling's 'compliment', he laughed.

"On your neck, there are three golden necklaces with gems. Two pairs of earrings. A leather belt around the waist. The gold is just general; it's worth eighty *liangs*. The material of your leather belt is not bad, but when you go to a pawnshop, the price will depreciate. At most, you'll get two *liangs*. The big knife in your hand with the precious stones on the scabbard, the price will be barely thirty-eight *liangs*. Altogether, a hundred twenty *liangs*."

Bai Fu Ling counted the barbarian's net worth with an icy tone of a pawn shopper.

The barbarian was somewhat taken aback. After seeing the crowd around him first begin to whisper and then laugh out loudly, he turned and looked behind him at a loss. He seized a companion and asked: "Why are they laughing?"

The companion also didn't understand and just shook his head.

The head maid behind Bai Fu Ling, Bai Guo chuckled: "What our family's miss means is that only the things on your body have some value. As for the person, you're worth nothing!"

The barbarian suffered public humiliation. Under his anger, he took out his big knife. He groaned some curse in the barbarian language and went forward to attack Bai Fu Ling.

How could Bai Fu Ling get hurt? She didn't even blink her eyes. Bai Shi San and the other guards behind her jumped forward, took out their swords and fought

with the barbarian full of anger.

Their moves were simple but very effective. All was directed at the important parts. After ten rounds of 'kacha' sounds, the eight barbarians are lying on the ground shouting in pain. From the unnatural bending of their hands and feet, the crowd was afraid that the joints had been cracked.

Bai Shi San and the others quickly dragged out these losers and dumped them in a nearby street. The tables and chairs, which had been overturned because of this fight, in a blink of eye, everything returned as if nothing had happened.

Not even the slightest trace of blood could be found on the ground. However, the people who had witnessed this scene of violence, when they looked at Bai Fu Ling, their eyes involuntary showed fear.

Beautiful like a fairy, vicious like a demon!

Bai Fu Ling swept over the people and sighed helplessly: "Ai, fighting and killing are most annoying!"

Bai Shang Lu began to feel pain in his temples. He smiled with force at Bai Fu Ling and whispered, "You coming less often to *yahang* was right. If you came a few more times, I'm afraid that no one would dare to come here anymore!"

"Those guys didn't come to do business! You send someone clever to watch those two people and send someone else to inform my big brother's underlings that spies have come."

Bai Fu Ling pointed without a trace at two tall men in the crowd who were leaving.

Bai Shang Lu's expression turned cold. He quickly called over two clever men to do the jobs. Then he escorted Bai Fu Ling to the door. This time when the people saw her, they went out of her way and didn't dare to block her.

"How do you know that those two people are spies? Just now, did you deliberately let Bai Shi San use a heavy hand on those barbarians?

While Bai Shang Lu was walking, he asked in a low voice.

Bai Fu Ling smiled slyly: "Just now, when those barbarians were blocking my way, I noticed that their leader would unconsciously look back. Especially when

he felt like he was very impressive. I knew then that someone else had ordered them to make trouble and that the person was standing behind them."

"I paid attention for a moment and saw that behind them, there were two people who were acting strangely. Their eyes were obviously different from those who came to watch, en...... very calm. Although their mouths followed along and booed, their eyes didn't have the excitement of the people watching. And their hands were on their chest but deliberately hidden in the sleeves. Now the weather is so hot, I'm itching to roll my sleeves up. They huddled their hands, something must be in the sleeves. Hidden weapons or something like a dagger? Usually spies wouldn't dare to carry swords openly on the waist. The sleeves are the most common location to hid weapons. They may not necessarily intend to attack anyone, it's just a habitual action......While on a task, a hand on the chest and touching the self-defense weapon, their heart would feel more at ease."

There were many similar people at Bai family in the past. Bai Fu Ling would recognize them at one glance.

Bai Shang Lu was convinced. His miss's ability to see people, over the years he had long become accustomed to it.

While talking, the two had arrived at Bai Fu Ling's carriage. Bai Fu Ling said: "The target of those people was most likely not our Bai *shi*, but big brother."

Innisfree Facial

Mask

## Chapter 9 Magical hands bringing the dying back to life advertisements

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"How come? Are they the barbarians' spies? Was it for this reason that you let Bai Shi San make rubbish of them?"

Bai Shang Lu's eyes deepened. Under the northern army's general Lu Ying, there was no war in Bei Guan City these past few years. The citizens of Bei Guan City could be considered to be living in peace and working happily. If the barbarians tried to invade again, even if the northern army gained victory, Bei Guan City would be in chaos for quite a while.

"Such a fool with not well-developed limbs and who's especially stupid, how could he be a spy? Even if the barbarians are stupid enough to send them over as spies, they would have kept a low profile, how could they risk their exposing their true identities and cause trouble?"

"Humph! In Bei Guan City, there are those Nu Barbarians who are so stupid and don't know how high the sky is and how thick the ground is. Where the people who would dare to come here and cause trouble at our Bai family's business? Do they really think their lives are too long? Besides, there is no benefit for the barbarians to go against our Bai family. Although they are stupid, but they would not be so low as to waste so much effort to do such a stupid thing. The other party deliberately bribed the barbarians to cause trouble; first it's to create a confusion, second I'm afraid that the wine's lover's heart is not in the cup," Bai Fu Ling said in disdain.

 Wine's lover's heart is not in the cup: a drinker who's not really interested in alcohol, meaning having an ulterior motive

"Your meaning.....is that the court wants to deal with general Lu. That's why

they sent people to test us first?"

Bai Shang Lu didn't quite understand what 'wine's lover's heart is not on the cup' meant, but from the experience of so many years of interacting with Bai Fu Ling, he probably could guess what she meant.

He had also recently heard some rumors saying that some people at the court were dissatisfied with the general of the northern army. They might have taken some action against him. The position that Lu Ying is sitting on, the low-ranked people didn't dare to provoke and there's no need to provoke. The only ones who would take action against him would be the parties from the top.

In Bei Guan City, just randomly grab a person and ask: who does the general of the northern army have the have the best relationship with, eleven out of ten people will say Bai family especially Bai family's miss. Lu Ying has a very clean image in the army and his reputation is excellent. If they wanted to go against him, the breakthrough would be through his relationship with Bai family.

"It should be pretty close. Those stupid Nu barbarians at first just started to mock and provoke, deliberately creating disturbance and wanted to stall for time so that some important people would arrive at the scene. The other party probably wanted to provoke the so-called person behind the scenes of Bai family. Dad and mother are very low key and stay at home most of the time and I'm just a little girl. Everyone thinks that Bai family must have a person behind the scenes. Even if ordinary merchants are curious, they would not have been too concerned about it and they would not have been so bored as to send people over to provoke. But those people of the court always have a very rich imagination. Maybe they're now thinking that different army forces are colluding with an unknown party."

If Yang Hang and his adviser Lie Dang are here now and hear Bai Fu Ling's reasoning, probably their expressions would have been really colorful.

Bai Shang Lu smiled helplessly: "Since miss already guessed the other party's identity, why did you still use such a heavy hand?"

After all, they are just some merchants who depended on Lu Ying's power. Although they also have their own power, but that power could not be brought out on the surface. Some things can't be done too excessively, otherwise it'll be the same as bringing trouble to Lu Ying.

Bai Fu Ling raised an eyebrow and said: "I hate other people using this method to cause mischief in front of me. Besides, if they are truly people of the court, could it be that they will condemn *dage* just because I beat a few barbarians?"

"The most important thing is......Fang Hai's medical center has not had a big business in a long time! If this continues, in what month or year will he be able to buy back his slave contract?"

Speaking of this, Bai Fu Ling smirked.

Fang Hai is also someone Bai family raised. His slave contract is unfortunately in the hands of Bai Fu Ling. According to the rules as long as he earned enough money, he can buy off the contract and recover his identity as a citizen.

Although on the surface Fang Hai had sold himself to Bai family, at the same time he was the proud disciple of a genius doctor. After learning, he opened a medical center at Bei Guan City. Because there hadn't been a war at Bei Guan City for such a long time and he is still so young, it's very difficult for patients to trust him. So he usually only treats some small ailments like cold. Fang Hai's medical expertise is skillful and he is too soft hearted. Often he would treat patients free of charge, resulting in the medical center being difficult to operate and he hardly made ends meet.

Not mentioning about buying back his contract, even the money Bai family lent him to open the medical center, he couldn't even pay back. A disciple of a genius doctor becoming like this, it could be considered as one of a kind!

"Can those barbarians still be treated?"

Bai Shang Lu was somewhat dumbfounded. From what he saw, he was afraid that even their joints had been broken by Bai Shi San and the others.

"Can be treated, ah. Bai Shi San and the others are very measured when using their hands. The barbarians just look miserable on the surface. Now some people should have already sent them to Fang Hai. Treating one is five hundred *liang*. In the package included, they can walk and move after one month. After half a year, they will be the same as reborn from the dead and can move about freely. Fang Hai having such living advertisements, would the road to the wealth not

come directly?! See, not only have I recycled rubbish, I also took care of Fang Hai's business. This is called one move, two gains!"

Bai Fu Ling said that proudly.

Bai Shang Lu was lost for words. His miss made business with living advertisements.....really vicious! Don't know if after the barbarians understood the cause and effect will their outside wounds be treated but they got so angry that now they are suffering from internal injuries?

Bai Fu Ling went into the carriage with the help of maid Bai Guo. She turned and smiled at Bai Shang Lu: "You have a face cold as ice, but in the end you are really softhearted. All this time, you were thinking about the injuries of those morons. Are you at ease now?! It must have been a tough job for Yang Mei to jump through the appearance and see your innate character and insisted on devoting her life to you. You are indeed someone who came from my hands! The eyes are very good!"

Having said that, regardless of Bai Shang Lu's awkward expression, she departed.

This time, she went to the largest restaurant Tong Yun Lou. Every time Bai Fu Ling came to Bai Guan City, she would go to Tong Yun Lou to eat before going back to Bai mansion at Bai Li Mountain.

The boss of Tong Yun Lou Huang Bo also came out of Bai family. Five years ago, he bought back his slave contract. Bai family had always taken care of these people plus the fact that this boss was Bai family's cook. The dishes he made was very much to the taste of Bai family. Therefore, it also became the first choice where Bai Fu Ling would dine in the city.

Huang Bo had received the news early. He left the entire third floor empty and let people clean and wash it carefully. He is now just waiting for miss Bai to arrive.

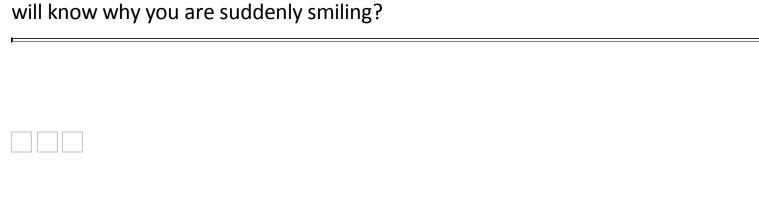
Bai Fu Ling's ebony carriage arrived in front of the restaurant. Immediately, a waiter came forward to settle the carriage and lead the troop to the third floor.

The weather was bad after midday. Not long after Bai Fu Ling sat down, dark clouds came from the horizon. In a blink of eyes, lightning flashed. The thunder

rumbled. Raindrops as large as a soybean splashed down from the sky. Pedestrians fled. The street became a mess.

Bai Fu Ling leaned against the window and laughed to the maids beside her: "Do you know why my mood is so good?"

The maids shook their heads. They were not the worms in her stomach. Who will know why you are suddenly smiling?



## **Chapter 10 Whose supporter is stronger**

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"You all look at how sorry those figures of the people below us are. We are sitting here comfortably; no need to avoid the rain, no need to hurry. And soon there will also be delicacies brought he re. Don't you feel very fortunate? Don't you all suddenly feel very good?"

The maids suddenly realized that she was taking joy in the calamity of others! They should have realized it sooner; miss's happiness is based on the sufferings of others!

Just at this moment, Huan Bo personally came in to serve with a servant.

Bai Fu Ling and the four maids sat by the window together. They sat across Bai Shi San and the others through a white screen.

The dishes are very rich in flavor, but the portions were not big. Especially at Bai Fu Ling's side. Although it's eight dishes with one soup, but each dish is very 'delicate'. It's just the right amount for five women. It's Bai Shi San's side that had big platters of food.

Although the amount is not the same, but clearly the dishes on Bai Fu Ling's side is prepared with more thoughtfulness.

Huang Bo bowed to Bai Fu Ling and wanted to have a chat with her, but Bai Fu Ling waved her hand impatiently: "There's a good business outside waiting for you to do, why are you still here chatting? Go finish the thing below and then you can come back and talk."

Now it's dinnertime and also coincided with a heavy rain. The guests are more than usual. The two floors below are already full. It's a busy time now. Huang Bo knows that his miss doesn't like polite etiquettes and being here pointlessly. He didn't dare to say anything more and obediently went back to work.

Bai Fu Ling really disliked it when she is having a meal and there's a crowd around her. So not only did she reserve the whole third floor, she didn't even let

the servants stay.

Bai Guo took over the silver chopsticks and put the dishes on Bai Fu Ling's plate. Then she put down the chopsticks and left with the other maids to Bai Shi San's side to have their meal.

Every time they went out with miss, they will have a good dinner to eat. Bai Shi San and the others have long waited till they were swallowing their saliva. Once they heard that they could start, they immediately flocked to the dishes. A wind swept the grounds, while they pushed down the dishes into their stomach.

In contrast, Bai Fu Ling is more elegant. Bai Fu Ling glanced over and muttered: "You are like hungry wolves. If someone didn't know any better, they would think that I usually don't give you a full meal to eat!"

Ma Lian smiled: "In these words, where are the hungry wolves that are so fat? Their personality is like this. Don't let it turn off miss's appetite."

Just then, sounds of dispute suddenly came from the stairs. And then a burst of footsteps could be heard. From the stairs, ten servants in grey clothes swarmed inside, followed by two fifty-something (female) servants and four teenage maids who are surrounding two beautiful young women.

The two women who came in last are wearing expensive clothes. Their hair are full of pearls. One is wearing a navy blue dress. On the dress, there are plums and peonies embroidered. The other is wearing a light yellow jacket with narrow sleeves. She is also wearing a light green floral dress. A jade green brocade covered half of the sleeves of the girl's dress. Unfortunately, just now it rained. The bottom of the dress is soiled because of the rain, making her look a sorry figure.

From the moment they heard movements, Bai Shi San and the others have dropped the fatty meat that was about to enter their mouths and jumped to the entrance to block them.

A middle-aged maid among the other party came forward. Her eyes swept over the vicious Bai Shi San and the others. Her vision went as far as looking at Bai Fu Ling, who was sitting by the window with her back towards them. Then she looked at the four maids by her side who have already stood up. She immediately knew that the leader of this group of people is the only female who's still sitting on the chair.

Not mentioning the eight shiny guards, every maid beside the girl is beautiful like a flower. The ornaments and clothes on their bodies and hairs are something that even rich families wouldn't be able to afford. They didn't look like maids. Just with their looks, they surpassed many ladies of good families! Although this middle-aged maid didn't want to admit, but the looks of these few maids wouldn't lose to her miss and cousin miss. Really don't know how people at this border city can get such girls as maids.

It seems that the other party also has some powers.....but just thinking about her *guye's* identity, she immediately put aside her little hesitation. She raised her eyebrow and said: "There's heavy rain, please, can this lady make it easy for us by giving us a few seats so my family's *furen* can take a rest? As for the cost of reserving this floor, my family's *furen* is willing to pay half."

She is speaking quite politely, but every word braces the meaning of being not negotiable. The third floor is spacious. It can put seven, eight tables for ten people. Now, Bai Fu Ling and the others only used two table to occupy this whole floor. The woman felt that her requirements and conditions are very reasonable.

Huang Bo was at the back looking for Bai Fu Ling's dessert. After hearing from the servants that people had actually broken into the third floor, he was immediately anxious. Three steps became two steps. He hurried over.

He ran up the stars and was just in time to hear the woman's words. The moment he heard that, his heart called 'this is bad'. He didn't dare to say that he really understood his miss's temper, but he knows about fifty to sixty percent. These people broke into the third floor had already broken miss's taboo. And their attitude is actually strong, wanting miss to give up a few tables. Most importantly, what they shouldn't have said is about splitting the fee. He seemed to almost be able to foresee how miss would humiliate these people.......

"Guest, this floor has already been reserved. A guest in a private room downstairs is about to check out, can you wait for a moment downstairs? This small shop will clean the place as soon as possible."

Huang Bo persuaded first before Bai Fu Ling can open her mouth. He hopes

that he can quickly, really quickly, bring these people downstairs, to avoid people getting hurt.....not that he is afraid that his miss will get hurt, he is afraid that these outsiders, who he doesn't know where they came from, will get hurt!

But some people completely don't understand his good intentions. That young maiden beside the lady whispered: "Biaojie, in this Bei Guan City, biao jiefu<sup>2</sup> is the biggest. If someone needs to leave, it's them. If we let it go, in the future if this is spread out, won't it let people laugh at biao jiefu?"

This young maiden saw that the ostentation of Bai Fu Ling didn't lose to that of them, she got angry. And after seeing those beautiful maids, she got angrier. She can be considered to have seen something of the world. Although the other party has many servants, the ostentation is also not small, but she is apparently not from a family of officials. Since she (BFL) is just a commoner, then what does she (young maiden) need to worry about? And also counting on their backers, she does not believe that there is someone else in this Bei Guan City who has a stronger backer than her......biaojie!

After *furen* heard that, her heart also moved. They came from the capital. Normally they saw more elite officials than dogs. Even her big brother's official post is not small, but they still have to live holding their tails. Now that they had come to this border, do they still need to be patient and accept this and that? Thinking like that, she lost the interest to go downstairs. Even if the private room is free and convenient for them to rest, she will still need to occupy this floor!

Huang Bo saw that this group of people didn't even move an inch, his heart couldn't help but get anxious. He was about to persuade some more, when he suddenly heard Bai Fu Ling say: "Boss, here is none of your business, go down!

The moment Huang Bo heard this, he knew he couldn't say more. He looked with some sympathy at this group of people who are acting recklessly. He shook his head and went down while he commanded the servant to absolutely let no one else come upstairs and no matter what happens upstairs, he must not meddle.

#### Comments:

<ol> <li>Guye: son in law. People from the female's families also calls her husband guye.</li> </ol>
2. Biao jiefu: husband of an older female cousin.

# Chapter 11 The flood reached the Dragon Emperor's Temple

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After Bai Fu Ling drove Huang Bo away, she slowly turned. The moment the people who are causing trouble saw her looks, they involuntarily gasped. They almost suspected that it's a fairy who came down to earth. In particular, those several male servants. They looked at her in a daze.

Bai Fu Ling was already accustomed to this, so she didn't care. She gave Bai Guo, who is standing beside her, a glance. Bai Guo understood and said to that *furen*: "Since you know that this floor has been reserved by my miss, please leave. When my miss is eating meals, she doesn't like nuisances at her side."

Those words were very rude. The middle-aged maid, who originally lost her soul because of Bai Fu Ling's looks, got her soul back. Her expression immediately changed and she sneered: "Do you know who my *furen* is?"

Bai Guo, being Bai Fu Ling's subordinate, cannot be said about other things, but she is good at quarrels. After she heard that remark, she immediately got happy: "You don't even know who your *furen* is and still come to ask me? You go back and ask, then we can talk."

Ding Xiang and Ma Lian couldn't help but laugh.

That middle-aged maid was so angry, she trembled. She is greatly humiliated in front of her owner. She wanted to retort but was afraid that the more she talks, the more mistakes she will make. Just as she was about to break out, another middle-aged woman came forward, pulled her sleeves and said loudly: "Why waste words on these countryside commoners? Not drinking wine of a toast but wants to drink wine of a punishment!"

After saying that, she waved her hands. The male servants immediately came forward and began fighting.

Although Bai Shi San and the others have an appearance of not to be trifled with, but these people who came from a family of generals, in the eyes of this

trained servant, Bai Shi San and the others are just a bunch of ordinary vicious people. They rushed forward without care. They thought that in just a moment after taking down Bai Shi San and the others, they might have a chance to get their hands on Bai Fu Ling and those beautiful maids. So they put more effort in fighting. But from the moment they started, they found out that they were wrong. The people before them seemed to have changed in a blink of an eye....... but it's already too late.

Bai Shi San and the others moved fast and hard and the martial arts they practiced have always been designed for the crucial points. It's nothing fancy.

In a blink of an eye, five of the servants have been taken down. Although the remaining three are barely standing, they have become pale. Their pairs of hands are hanging softly beside their bodies. They are clearly dislocated. There are two completely free of injuries, but that's because they happened to be the ones responsible for guarding the six women, so they didn't rush forward and were lucky to survive.

This is also the result of Bai Shi San and the others being lenient. They received the hint from Bai Guo, so they didn't use the stick. Otherwise, Fang Hai's medical center would have received a few more 'living advertisements'.

Although these servants aren't as good as Bai Shi San and the others, but they are also very powerful and didn't even cry or shout.

The two middle-aged maids were stunned by this unexpected scene. All the way here, they had encountered some things. They always saw how their family's servants beat the opponents until they covered their heads and sneak away like a rat. How could they have thought that today, the situation would be reversed.

The *furen*, protected in the middle, has paled but still remained calm. The young maiden next to her was scared until she had lost all color. She covered her mouth with force. She almost screamed out loud.

Bai Fu Ling's eyes swept over them while smiling faintly: "If you want to tyrannize, you also need to look who the opponent is, get away quickly! Can it be that you are waiting for us to let you stay for food?"

That furen patted on the young maiden's shoulder to indicate that she should

calm down. She straightened her waist and looked once at Bai Fu Ling. She said coldly: "Don't know what miss's name is."

Bai Fu Ling ignored her, turned around and said to her maids: "Let's eat! Don't bother with those loitering people. The dishes have turned cold. Really spoiling the mood!"

Such obvious ignoring is like a slap to that *furen's* face. She didn't say a word, leaned on the maid beside her and headed down the stairs. That young maiden turned around and said viciously in Bai Fu Ling's direction: "You offended my *biaojie*, you will regret it! Do you know who my *biao jiefu*<sup>1</sup> is?!"

Why can't this girl learn how to behave? Bai Guo could no longer bear it and smiled: "You go home and ask who your *biao jiefu* is and then come make a scene. It wouldn't be too late."

This time, even Bai Shi San couldn't hold it in and burst out laughing.

That *furen*, seeing her *biaomei* being ridiculed, in her heart she is blaming her for disgracing herself. She turned around and grabbed her to leave.

Those servants, who had been knocked down or dislocated and sprained their muscles, helped each other. While twisting, they went down the stairs.

At the second floor, the guests are all staring with big eyes with a look of 'watching a play'. These people were so embarrassed that they want to dig a hole to bury themselves. Many of these guests are regulars at Tong Yun Lou. They knew that the one on the floor above is Bai family's miss. When these people went upstairs to search for trouble, they already guessed that this would have been the outcome. They laughed while waiting to watch this play.

That *furen* and miss have never received such shame before. They rushed all the way straight down to the first floor. They let the servant bring their carriage. They went into it and got away.

That miss went into the carriage and cried tears full of grievances. She said to the *furen*: "Biaojie, why did you stop me from speaking biao jiefu's name? I don't believe that after that little bitch hears biao jiefu's name, she will still dare to be so arrogant!"

That furen's face turned cold and she said: "Turning like this, still have the

nerve to put out your *biao jiefu's* name! If this got out, even my face will turn red!"

She is feeling remorseful for not stepping down when the shopkeeper came to persuade and listened to her *biaomei*. In the end, she didn't even figure out the identity of the other party but already has lost such a big face.

Of course, such a loathsome girl who dared to humiliate her, she will definitely not let her go. When she sees her husband, she must let her husband take revenge for her. By that time, see how she'll tear down that loathsome girl's proud face! It's just, she must absolutely not let her husband see that girl......at such a young age, her appearance is already like a fox......

At Tong Yun Lou, Huang Bo let two servants put the chairs and tables back to their place. He repeatedly apologized to Bai Fu Ling for failing to stop those people. After that did he retreated.

Bai Fu Ling sighed: "Is it because recently I did too many good things or does my face look like someone easy to bully? How come that today I went out, one after another, people will come looking for trouble?"

The four maids looked at each other. This is really strange. These few years, at Bei Guan City, miss's 'evil name' can be considered to have spread far and wide. There's only she who bullies people, who will not be afraid and dare to come provoke her, ah? It just so happens that today, they encountered two.

Ding Xiang said: "Perhaps it's by coincidence. I heard that recently, there's a lot more merchants in town."

Ma Lian blinked and said: "The people who came such now don't seem like merchants. Dressing like that, they don't look like someone simple. Don't know which family's *furen* and miss they are."

Bai Fu Ling drink some white fungus soup and said: "It's my big brother's family."

#### Comments:

• The flood reached the dragon's temple: a dispute between close people who fails to recognize each other. The dragon king in order to gain power

announce rain. He commanded the rain god to make rain. This made his temple became flooded.

1.	Biao jiefu: husband of an older female cousin